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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(4) TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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## Commissioner:

The Examiner initiated a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney on July 30, 2012. The telephone interview initiated by the Examiner on July 30, 2012 is gratefully acknowledged with appreciation. In the telephone interview, the Examiner indicated that the application appeared to be in condition for allowance except for some claim numbering matters, which the Examiner proposed to correct with an Examiner's Amendment; the Examiner invited Applicant(s) to propose the wording for the Examiner's Amendment; in reply to the Examiner's invitation, the undersigned attorney will be providing, or has provided, proposed wording for the Examiner's Amendment under separate cover. Applicants respectfully submit this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(B), enclosed with the electronic filing of this Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is an IDS form (PTO Form SB/08a) listing references that are known to applicant. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2), only "pdf" copies of references other than U.S. patents and U.S. published applications are enclosed with the electronic filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully submitted that this filing is made during one of the periods described in 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(4), a Request for Continued Examination having been filed, and no Office Action having yet been issued as of the date and time of this IDS filing; no fee is therefore required.

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It is respectfully submitted that some of the listed references (for example, U.S. Patent Document Reference Nos. 5-6 and Non-Patent Literature Document Reference No. 1 listed on the IDS form (SB/08a) enclosed with the electronic filing of this Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS")) are U.S. patents, or co-pending U.S. patent applications, as the case may be, that have been or will be commonly assigned to the entit(y/ies) to which the above-referenced U.S. patent application has been or will be assigned.

It is respectfully submitted that Non-Patent Literature Document Reference No. 1 listed on the enclosed IDS form comprises a Preliminary Amendment for a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 09/684,861, filed October 6, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 8,073,723 (that is listed as U.S. Patent Document Reference No. 5 (for which the corresponding application was previously disclosed in a previously-filed IDS for above-referenced U.S. patent application)).

It is respectfully submitted that the application corresponding to U.S. Patent Document Reference No. 6 was previously disclosed in a previously-filed IDS for the above-referenced U.S. patent application.

It is respectfully submitted that some of the listed references (for example, U.S. Patent Document Reference Nos. 1-4 and Non-Patent Literature Document Reference Nos. 2-4 and 13-14 listed on the IDS form (SB/08a) enclosed with the electronic filing of this IDS) were cited by Office Actions issued for U.S. patent applications that have been or will be commonly assigned to the entit(y/ies)to which the above-referenced U.S. patent application has been or will be assigned.

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While this Information Disclosure Statement, and the references and documents cited in the IDS form (SB/08a) enclosed with the electronic filing of this Information Disclosure Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, submission of this Information Disclosure Statement and citation of the references and documents listed in the IDS form (SB/08a) enclosed with the electronic filing of this Information Disclosure Statement are not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references and documents be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing for this application. Applicant also requests that an initialed copy of the IDS form (SB/08a) enclosed with the electronic filing of this Information Disclosure Statement be entered in the application file and returned to Applicant with the next communication from the office in accordance with MPEP §609.

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A list of patents and publications is set forth on the IDS form (SB/08a) enclosed with the electronic filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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